

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Emily Anderson, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Kate Felton, Jeremy Gragert, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, and Terry Weld.

The following Council Members were absent: Charles Johnson and Andrew Werthmann.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, January 10, 2023:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the December 13, 2022 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Regis Catholic Schools Foundation, President, Mark Beckfield, 2100 Fenwick Avenue, on January 28, 2023, for the Non Sibi Awards Dinner event.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Immaculate Conception Parish, Father Francis Thadathil, 1722 Highland Avenue, for the Immaculate Conception Fish Boil events for the dates of January 27, February 10 & 24, March 10 & 31, 2023.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Class A Intoxicating Liquor (Cider only) license of Cenergy LLC, d/b/a Mega Holiday #3704, 2119 Cameron Street, from Billie J. Kaiser to Pamela McGraw be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Fermented Malt beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license of Wisconsin CVS Pharmacy LLC, d/b/a CVS Pharmacy #10550, 2200 Brackett Avenue, from Daniel D. Drung to Genie Xiong be approved.
- Accepting a Chapter DMA 2 PSAP Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Office of Emergency Communications.

- Preliminary resolution declaring the City’s intention to exercise its special assessment powers under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, for street, utility, and sidewalk improvements, and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a hearing scheduled for February 13, 2023, on the following streets:
 - Oxford Avenue, Platt Street to Maple Street (23-103);
 - Maple Street, First Street to Oxford Avenue (23-104);
 - Omaha Street, Putnam Street to McDonough Street (23-106);
 - Balcom Street, Omaha Street to North End (23-107);
 - Spring Street, Ball Street to Bellevue Avenue (23-108);
 - Ball Street, Spring Street to 250 Feet East of Holm Avenue (23-109);
 - Hudson Street, Third Avenue to Second Avenue (23-111);
 - Broadway Street, Third Avenue to First Avenue (23-112);
 - Broadway Street, Fifth Avenue to Fourth Avenue (23-113);
 - Chippewa Street, Seventh Avenue to Fifth Avenue (23-114);
 - Seventh Avenue, Chippewa Street to Broadway Street (23-115).
- Resolution receiving a petition and directing the City Engineer to prepare a report in accordance with Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, for street improvements to S. Lowes Creek Road, from North Property Line (5551 S. Lowes Creek Road) to South Property Line (5551 S. Lowes Creek Road).

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATION

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming January 21, 2023, as Thank Your Mentor Day in the City of Eau Claire urging everyone in Eau Claire to thank their mentors and those who made a positive impact on them while growing up.

President Weld read a proclamation designating January 2023 as “Human Trafficking Awareness Month” in the City of Eau Claire to raise awareness about the signs and consequences of human trafficking, to promote opposition to human trafficking in all of its forms, to encourage support for the survivors of human trafficking, to put an end to this criminal activity and to restore freedom and dignity to its survivors.

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming Monday, January 16, 2023, as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the City of Eau Claire and encouraging all residents to join in recognizing this day with appropriate civic, community and service programs in honor of Dr. King’s life and lasting legacy.

EAU CLAIRE CONFLUENCE ARTS, INC. BOARD

The City Council considered a resolution approving the appointment of a City of Eau Claire Representative to the Eau Claire Confluence Arts, Inc. Board. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution approving an addendum to the Ambulance Service Agreement with the City of Altoona to provide Emergency Medical Services to Altoona residents. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing Budget Adjustments for the Adopted Capital Improvement Budget. (Because this item amends the budget, a 2/3 vote of elected members, or 8 affirmative votes, is required for adoption.) Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City Council considered a resolution approving the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Work Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was then made by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Felton to add an item to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Work Plan.

What:

Comprehensively Address Downtown Study Areas. The Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan lists multiple study areas in the downtown area that include arterial corridors such as Madison St, Farwell St, Washington St, and Harding Ave, and other streets like Galloway St, Dewey St, Barstow St, and Graham Ave. Motor vehicle traffic, bicycle/pedestrian access and safety, mass transit, and trails need to be considered comprehensively in the downtown area to break down barriers to connectivity, increase safety and enjoyment, and improve business district and public space vibrancy. To explore the possibility of undertaking a Comprehensive Downtown Multimodal Transportation Plan, the city council requests BPAC input on the potential scope of a future plan, and how it could directly address the downtown study areas. Such a plan could also help implement other BPAC goals in the Work Plan, such as Bicycle Corral and Parklet Policies, Complete Streets Policy, and Open Street Policy. To discuss this topic, City Council requests a joint study session with BPAC representatives and city staff by Summer 2023.

Anticipated Outcome, Product or Result:

Help the city explore the potential creation of a Comprehensive Downtown Multimodal Transportation Plan.

Idea Source:

City Council

Specific Actions:

Provide input to Engineering, Community Development, DECI, City Council

Target Dates:

Summer 2023

Identified Partners:

Engineering, Community Development, DECI, Downtown BIDs, Library, WCWRPC

Point Person:

Transportation Engineer, Planner

Policy Directives:

Bike/Ped Plan pages 59-64, Study Areas 5-8, & 12

City Strategic Plan – Goals 1, 2, & 4

Said motion passed unanimously.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” as amended. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SKY PARK INDUSTRIAL CENTER

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Proper Ducky Property Management, LLC for the purchase of Lot 12, a City owned parcel located at 1280 International Drive in Sky Park Industrial Center. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property from TR-1A to R-3P located at Hwy 53, northwest of Prairie Park Drive to adopt the general development plan for multi-family residential (Z-1719-22). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

OAKWOOD HILLS PARKWAY

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to rezone property from C-2P to R-3P located at Cypress Street and Oakwood Hills Parkway for a multi-family residential project (Z-1720-23).

NO MOW MAY

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to amend Chapter 8.28 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Weeds, Yards, and Lawn.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Announcements and updates by the City Manager and City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Time: 5:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk